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SUBJECT: IV JOHN T. THORPE

REF: HONG KONG 4211, 2561

1. JOHN THORPE PROPOSED ETA AS FOLLOWS;
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1975, ARRIVING SEATTLE 7:15 A.M. VIA NORTHWEST

ARILINES FLIGHT 4. DEPARTS SEATTLE SAME MORNING AT 9:00 AM VIA
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 78, ARRIVING WASHINGTON DULLES 4:45 PM
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12.

2. THORPE'S INTERESTS INCLUDE TRAFFIC RIGHTS, AIRPORT SECURITY, NOISE

AND POLLUTION SURROUNDING AIRPORTS, TRAFFIC FORECASTING, AIRCRAFT
DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING. MORE INTERESTED IN TALKING TO EXPERTS
AND AUTHORITIES THAN SEEING FACILITIES. HE SEEMS TO BE VERY SERIOUS
IN GETTING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OUT OF THIS GRANT.

3. PROPOSED PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS. WASHINGTON DC: AIRPORT AUTHORITY,
DULLES INTERNATIONAL; HEADQUARTERS OF AIRPORT OPERATIONS COUNCIL
INTERNATIONAL (AOCI); CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD (CAB); FEDERAL AVIATION
AUTHORITY (FAA), AND NATIONAL TRANSPORT SAFETY BOARD (NTSB).
NEW YORK: PORT OF NEW YORK ENTRY AT JFK AND LAGUARDIA. BOSTON:
APPOINTMENT WITH MR. JOHN WYLIE, PROFESSOR OF AIR TRANSPORTATION,
MIT. LOS ANGELES: AIRPORT AUTHORITY, L.A. INTERNATIONAL; DOUGLAS
AIRCRAFT CORP AIRPORT COMPATIBILITY DIVISION; LOCKHEED
AIRCRAFT CORP AIRPORT COMPATIBILITY DIVISION. SAN FRANCISCO:
AIRPORT AUTHORITY, SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL. SEATTLE: AIRPORT
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AUTHORITY, TERMINAL BUILDING BAGGAGE SYSTEM, BOEING AIRCRAFT CORP

AIRPORT COMPABILITY DIVISION; APPOINTMENT WITH MR. DONALD SHAY,
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR, SEATTLE/TACOMA AIRPORT.

4. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AS FOLLOWS. JOHN TREVOR THORPE. BRITISH.
BORN JUNE 28, 1932, YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND. FELLOW OF THE CHARTERED
INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORT, 1963. PRESENT POSITION: CHIEF OPERATIONS
OFFICER, CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.
PAST POSITION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (TECHNICAL & PLANNING) SAME
DEPARTMENT. MEMBER OF THE ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY; PAST CHAIRMAN,
ROYAL INSTITUTE OF NAVIGATION, HONG KONG BRANCH. TRAVEL ABROAD:
SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AIRPORT VISITS. JAPAN, PHILIPPINES,
THAILAND, AIRPORT VISITS. U.S.A. TWO WEEKS IN 1969, AS TOURIST;
AOCI CONFERENCES 1971 AND 1973; AND TWO WEEKS IN 1974 TO INSPECT
AIRPORT BAGGAGE SYSTEMS. ENGLISH EXCELLENT. MARRIED, TWO SONS.
THORPE IS PERSONABLE, COOPERATIVE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE. HE IS WELL
TRAVELLED. NOT VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HOME HOSPITALITY.
NAME CHECK CLEARED.

5. REQUEST FULL GRANT INCLUDING ROUND-TRIP INTERNATIONAL
TRANSPORTATION, INTERNAL TRAVEL, 30-DAY PER DIEM AND USUAL
ALLOWANCES. THORPE NOW ON HOME LEAVE IN ENGLAND UNTIL OCTOBER
12. REQUEST GRANT AUTHORIZATION ARRIVE HONG KONG BEFORE EARLY
OCTOBER.
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